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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a four-count superseding indictment¹ charging EDWARD LEE, CYNTHIA CHILSOM and TRANEA WHITE, with making false statements to a federal firearms dealer, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and aiding and abetting. The indictment alleges that on April 1, 2006, CHILSOM and WHITE participated in the illegal purchase of a Taurus PT 140 .40 caliber handgun, serial number SZA83284 for defendant WHITE, and on February 14, 2007, LEE, CHILSOM and WHITE participated in the illegal purchase of a Taurus Millennium PT 140 Pro 9mm handgun for defendant LEE and the attempted illegal purchase of a Taurus PT-111 9mm handgun, serial number TZK-43607 for defendant WHITE. On October 10, 2007, defendant LEE was in possession of the gun illegally purchased for him, loaded with 10 live rounds of ammunition. LEE and WHITE are convicted felons who are prohibited from purchasing and possessing firearms.

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, all District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department and other law enforcement agencies, to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. Defendant LEE faces a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, \$500,000 fine and a \$200 special assessment. Defendant CHILSOM faces a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment. Defendant WHITE faces a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, a \$750,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
EDWARD LEE	Philadelphia	36

¹An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
CYNTHIA CHILSOM	Philadelphia	25
TRANEA WHITE	Lansdowne	28

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Arlene D. Fisk.

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